DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 415 771 HE 030 917

AUTHOR	Merriam, Sharan B.
TITLE	Qualitative Research and Case Study Applications in Education. Revised and Expanded from "Case Study Research in Education."
ISBN	ISBN-0-7879-1009-0
PUB DATE	1998-00-00
NOTE	275p.; For the previous edition, see ED 299 914.
AVAILABLE FROM	Jossey-Bass Publishers, 350 Sansome St, San Francisco, CA 94104; phone: 415-433-1740; fax: 800-605-2665; World Wide Web: www.josseybass.com ($21.95).
PUB TYPE	Books (010) -- Guides - General (050)
EDRS PRICE	Document Not Available from EDRS.
DESCRIPTORS	*Case Studies; Data Analysis; Data Collection; Evaluation Methods; Field Interviews; Field Studies; Higher Education; Literature Reviews; *Qualitative Research; Reliability; *Research Methodology; Validity

ABSTRACT

This book offers a resource guide for qualitative researchers in education, discussing data collection techniques, data analysis, reporting, and the issues of validity, reliability, and ethics. Part 1 reviews the nature and design of qualitative research; it discusses various types of qualitative research (including case studies), and how to design a qualitative study, including problem formation and sample selection. Differentiating case study techniques from other qualitative approaches, the book discusses concepts, theories, and techniques taken from anthropology, history, sociology, and psychology. Part 2 covers the collection of qualitative data; chapters cover conducting effective interviews, being a careful observer, mining data from documents, and the interactive nature of data collection in case studies. Part 3 covers the analysis and reporting of qualitative data, and discusses analytic techniques and data management, levels of analysis, the increasing role of computers, and strategies for dealing with validity, reliability, and ethics. A final chapter looks at writing up research results, with emphasis on the particular requirements of the case study report. (Contains approximately 325 references.) (BF)

****
* Reproductions supplied by EDRS are the best that can be made *
* from the original document. *
****